GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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STRIKE BY FEDERATION OF ALL INDIA PETROLEUM TRADERS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Federation of All India Petroleum Traders have threatened to go on an indefinite strike from April 28, 2007 if their five point charter of demands is not considered;

(b) if so, the details of the demands of the Federation;

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to settle the issue and avoid the strike?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of the demands of the Federation are given below :-

(i) The dealers` margin must be fixed at 5% of invoice value.

(ii) The MDG 2005 should be revised to incorporate the outcome of the discussions already held.

(iii) Pending submission of the report of the Indian Institute of Petroleum, Dehradun, no action should be taken against the dealers for negative stock losses beyond the current permissible limits.

(iv) The Industry is directed to provide the marker testing equipment to the dealers, in line with the decision conveyed to the dealers when the marker system was introduced.

(v) Appoint an appellate authority where the dealers may make an appeal against the high handedness of the officers of oil companies.

(c)&(d) The demands of the Federation are under consideration of the Committee of Directors (Marketing) of PSU Oil Marketing Companies.